

The Messenger

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Carlock Bible Fellowship Church



Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am

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Doane Brubaker - Pastor

Bob Waller -Board Chair

Susan Waller -Treasurer

Sharon Brubaker - Musician

Emma Brandt - Musician

Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt

Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 5	Morning Worship with Communion, Hospitality Time
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Church Board meets, 7 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 12	Morning Worship, Ron Schweinberg speaking
Sunday, Jan. 19	Morning Worship, Tom Swanson speaking
Sunday, Jan. 26	Morning Worship, Annual Business Meeting

For January 2025

Hospitality Committee

Emma Brandt

Brenda Dozier

Jan Reimer

Annie Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Noah's Ark – Rene' Atkinson

Lion's Den –Julie Greenburg

Jr/Sr High – Joe Brandt

Food Pantry Item

Toilet Paper

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS **and ANNIVERSARIES**

7 Heather Waller

8 Carrie Schwoerer

12 Mike & Abby Pyne (A)

15 Karen Arnold

15 Doane Brubaker

17 Shelby Mohr

21 Annie Schwoerer

24 Reilly Atkinson

27 Mitch Mohr

Hymn Note....

Julia Johnston's family moved to Peoria, Illinois when she was age 6. Her father served as a pastor. She became a high school teacher and also a Sunday school worker. Julia wrote lessons published by David C. Cook company.

Romans 5:20 is the verse she used to build text for the hymn "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord". This opens the hymn and also serves as title.

Music was written by Daniel Towner, of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. It is number 151 in our hymnal.

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Board News

- * Pastoral search committee continues to work on possibilities
- * Choir loft painting, bell tower repair, chimney cover, new thermostat all pending completion
- * Getting quotes on new Sunday school partitions
- * Swinging doors in foyer may need replaced soon
- * Abby Pyne working on proposals for new church decorating
- * Website is being built but will not be launched until church name is legally changed. Also having issues with Telstar connection
- * Board member terms ending in 2024 – Brenda Dozier/deaconess, Bob Waller/deacon, Blake Otto/trustee
- * Getting TVs for each Sunday School classroom

Upcoming dates...

January 8th – Board meeting
January 12th - Ron Schweinberg will be preaching
January 19th - Tom Swanson will be preaching
January 26th - annual church business meeting
April 5th – Girl's Tea Party
June 16-20 - VBS

From Pastor Doane...

What's your attitude toward the departure of 2024 and the arrival of a new year? Many feel apprehension, and for others it's flat out dread. They're facing troubles about which they don't know the outcome or are pretty sure things are bad and going to get a lot worse.

I hope that is not your attitude looking forward. And, let me give you something I find very helpful.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

If I have you re-write the important words in that verse, you'll write almost the entire verse: *God of hope fill you... joy... peace... trust... overflow with hope... power of the Holy Spirit.*

Looking around at the perils we face in this fallen world, it's easy to wonder if hope can even be a real thing. Looking at the promises of the God of hope, it's clear that hope is the **most real** thing.

As bad as things are in this age, it's true – as someone has noted – that our age is “not the worst, darkest, most evil age that has ever been.” Yes, there's way too much evil and darkness. But let's not forget the God of hope who, by His Holy Spirit is able to saturate us with joy, fill us up with peace, and cause us to overflow with hope.

The Lord is your God of hope because He is the great Source of hope's generation within you – dwelling in you by the Holy Spirit. But He is not only the *source* of your hope. He is also the *objective* of your hope. In other words, your hope flows **from** its **Source** (God), and takes you **to** its **Objective** (God).

Paul wrote that verse as a prayer; “May the God of hope...” So, Romans 15:13 would be a good prayer with which to begin each day, or each week through this new year.

The year will likely bring a disappointment, a doubt, a crisis or two. Trust in the trustworthiness of God and ground your hope in His promises. Then, you will know for sure;

“...hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” (Romans 5:5)

Happy New Year!

Doane